

FOCAL POINT

Residents' health, safety a priority



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

As has been previously reported, the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has issued a report resulting from soil sampling in March 2010. So, the question arises, what's next? The city has hired consulting experts to analyze the EPA's results and to determine what additional soil sampling is advisable.

Additionally, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") has also committed funding to undertake this additional sampling and additional activities related to the city's ongoing health risk assessment of Exide's operations. It is expected that the city's consultants will complete an action in March, which will outline the next steps in the city's overall health risk analysis.

My commitment to you is that the Frisco City Council will continue to keep this issue a priority and are committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of our community.

In this issue of Focal Point, you will find an in-depth article on Frisco's response to the severe winter weather that our entire region had to deal with. I won't repeat the information in this article. It is my hope that you and your family stayed safe and out of harm during the challenging week we faced.

It also my hope that all our residents that had to travel were able to get to their destinations safely. Many times we tell our residents to stay home during severe weather, but we are also aware the need to drive is critical to some.

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City departments work together to protect residents, property during winter weather blast

BY DANA BAIRD

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RELATIONS

Most of us headed to bed January 31, anticipating snow and ice the next morning after listening to local meteorologists, who forecast the worst winter storm to hit North Texas in two decades. At the same time, City of Frisco public works' employees, as well as firefighters, police officers and traffic engineers, were just 'starting their day' at dark.

Starting at midnight, February 1, street crews manned the city's five sand trucks, which were loaded with material the day before. They rotated twelve hour shifts, around the clock, spreading sand and magnesium chloride, a 'melt-away' material, along Frisco's major roadways, intersections and problem areas, such as bridges.

Meanwhile, Frisco's Emergency Operation Center

(EOC), located inside Central Fire Station, was activated. Fire Chief Mack Borchardt wears another hat during these situations. He is the City of Frisco's Emergency Management Coordinator.

"The EOC helps with coordination, more than anything," said Chief Mack Borchardt.

Firefighters, police officers and traffic engineers monitored information from the National Weather Service, local news reports and the city's 'extra eyes', including 33 pan-tilt cameras and 335 intersection video detection cameras, all of which can be viewed from multiple video screens inside the EOC.

"If we have a motor vehicle accident, we can look and see if it has the potential for injuries, even if we may not have that information immediately," said Chief Borchardt. "We can look to see if the roads are blocked from the accident, which is very critical, particularly in this kind of weather."



Frisco Public Works Department crews operated the city's five sand trucks around the clock to spread sand on Frisco's major roadways and 64 major intersections during the winter blast in February.



The entire response was managed from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) inside Central Fire Station, where 33 pan-tilt cameras and 335 intersection video detection cameras can be viewed by fire, police and traffic engineering personnel.

Before daybreak, city managers, as well as employees from facilities, IT, communications and parks and recreation had joined EOC forces. Specifically, parks and recreation and facilities filled pickup beds with sand. Shoveling sand by hand, they tended to city sidewalks, parking lots and building entrances, so public works crews could focus on major roadways and the city's 64 major intersections.

They also assisted street crews with sanding outside the police station and fire stations, ensuring our first responders could access roadways as quickly as possible, despite icy conditions.

"Some things may be missed if we weren't in the same room. One department might pickup on something that's going on that they could help with. If we weren't together (in the EOC), we may not be able to achieve that

level of coordination," added Chief Borchardt.

Mother Nature delivered two icy, snowy blasts of winter February 1 - 9. During that time, city street crews spread more than 700 tons of sand and more than 22 tons of magnesium chloride.

Temperatures in the single digits and below, coupled with high winds hampered collective efforts.

"The extreme low temperatures caused the moisture in the sand to freeze in the hoppers," said Deputy City Manager Henry Hill.

Public Works Director, Gary Hartwell, has been with the City of Frisco 21 years, and he says he has never experienced any winter storm like the ones February 2011 delivered. When asked why Frisco doesn't have snow plows,

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Deadline for candidate filing for three council seats, including mayoral position ends March 14

Candidates interested in running for Frisco City Council may file for a place on the May 2011 ballot until 5 p.m. on Monday, March 14.

Three seats, including the mayoral position and Places 5 and 6, will be open. All positions on the Frisco City Council are "at large" positions. Candidates must live in the City of Frisco one year prior to filing.

Candidate information packets – which detail the minimum requirements for filing for office – are available to download online. Go to FriscoTexas.gov/elections for directions. Anyone interested in viewing a candidate packet will be required to fill out a basic online form first.

The candidate packet includes the official forms that must be printed, filled out, signed and returned to

the City Secretary's Office by March 14 at 5 p.m. in order to officially file as a candidate for Frisco City Council.

Printed candidate packets will not be available to 'pick up' at City Hall; however, a limited number of copies will be available to read at the City Secretary's Office, 5th Floor of City Hall, George A. Purefoy Municipal Complex, 6101 Frisco

Square Blvd. Candidate packets are available to view between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The General Election will be held Saturday, May 14, from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

For additional information, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at (972) 292-5020, or go online to <http://FriscoTexas.gov/elections>.

MAYOR

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Whether it is a medical emergency or having a critical job, such as doctors and nurses, we can never

assume that everyone will stay home.

You have my commitment that the City of Frisco will work very hard and be prepared for any emergency that we may face. I also want to extend my appreciation to all the

city crews who worked night and day in responding to emergencies and bad weather conditions. Thank You!

Regards,
Mayor Maher Maso

WEATHER

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Hartwell says snow plows are ineffective on ice.

"In my experience, I've only seen one or two occasions when we may have benefitted from a snow plow," said Hartwell. "Here in North Texas, we combat ice more often than snow and plows have limited effectiveness with ice. Using plows on ice may also damage pavement markers, which can also damage vehicles and roadways, all of which can be costly to replace."

Hartwell adds, "Usually, we have a day or two of ice and snow and then everything begins to melt."

Over the course of eight days, police and firefighters responded to just 23 major vehicle accidents involving injuries and 112 minor accidents. Frisco Police also received

220 calls from motorists who needed help.

"The 'motorist assist' calls include everything from someone sliding off the road and calling for help to an officer observing a traffic situation where the driver needs help," said Sgt. Adam Henderson, PIO.

As Frisco began to thaw, firefighters and public works crews prepared for the next wave of emergencies – burst water pipes. The Frisco Fire Department responded to 115 water cutoff/sprinkler activation calls. The Public Works Department received more than 150 calls about burst pipes in homes.

Mayor Maher Maso sums up the snowy situation. "A lot of the public doesn't see all the planning that goes on to prepare for crisis situations," said Mayor Maso. "But you could have all the equipment in the world and when this kind of unprecedented storm comes through, the roads are



City staff from facilities and parks and recreation loaded pick-up trucks with ice-melting material and hand-sanded icy roads.

still going to be icy and snowy. People just need to take their time and be cautious and know your city is working for you."

Watch a video documenting the City of Frisco's winter weather response on our YouTube channel: FriscoTexas.gov/YouTube or on the city website video on demand page, FriscoTexas.gov/video.

Second city council meeting in March moved to new date

The regularly scheduled Frisco City Council meeting that would fall on Tuesday night, March 15, has moved due to spring break scheduling conflicts. The second city council meeting of March is now happening on Wednesday, March 23.

Frisco City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The public meeting portion begins at 6:30 p.m. The council hears citizens' input at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Live city council meetings stream online and air beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. From FriscoTexas.gov/FTVN, you can select 'city council meetings'.

City council meetings also air live on the Frisco Television Network on Time Warner HD cable channel 16 and Grande cable channel 12. Frisco City Council meetings are rebroadcast during the week on Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

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YouTube

The City of Frisco is now on YouTube! Watch the latest videos from Frisco Television Network (FTVN) online at FriscoTexas.gov/YouTube.

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Watch the Frisco Television Network (FTVN) live, 24-hours a day -- including Frisco City Council meetings -- online. Go to FriscoTexas.gov/ftvn.

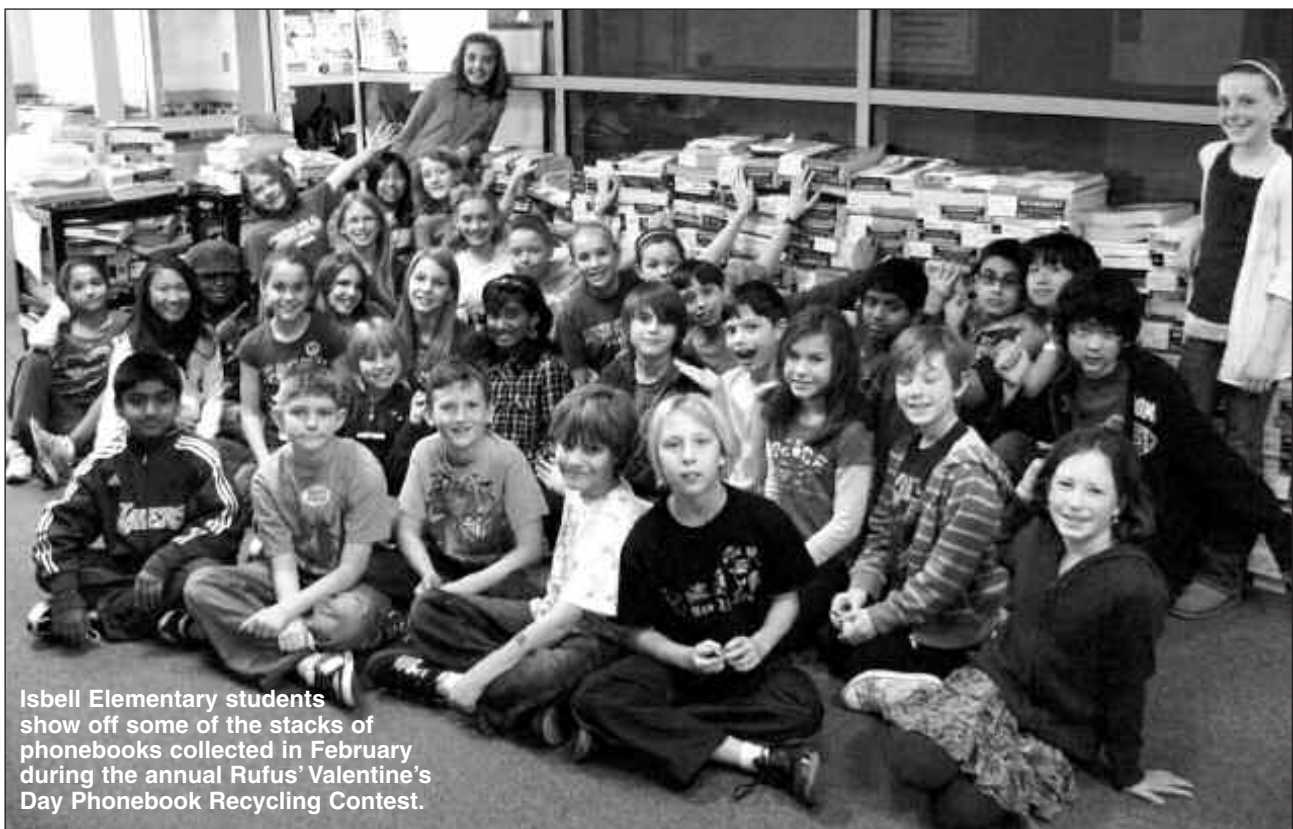
Frisco schools answer call to recycle phonebooks

The winner of Rufus' 2011 Valentine's Day Phonebook Recycling Contest is Isbell Elementary School. The school collected a total of 1,305 phonebooks. That comes out to 1.68 phonebooks per student.

Fowler students collected the most among Frisco ISD middle schools and Frisco High topped the high school category. In all, Frisco ISD schools gathered nearly 8,200 phonebooks during the 2011 drive, saving the equivalent of 506 trees and almost 54 cubic yards of landfill space.

In the five-year history of the contest the total number of unwanted phonebooks gathered is 86,663 books. Not only is that a lot less clutter collecting dust around Frisco homes, the five-year total has a significant savings to the environment:

- 1,213,282 gallons of water
- 89,782.87 cubic yards of landfill space
- 80,250 gallons of oil
- 101,742 pounds of air pollution
- 5,373 trees
- 710,636 kilowatts of electricity (enough to power 86.5 homes for a full year!)



Isbell Elementary students show off some of the stacks of phonebooks collected in February during the annual Rufus' Valentine's Day Phonebook Recycling Contest.

Fair housing workshop moves to March 1

On Tuesday, March 1, a representative from the Department of Housing and Urban Development will present the basics of the Fair Housing Act and describe who is protected under this law. The workshop was rescheduled from February 2 because of bad winter weather conditions.

From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. learn how to recognize signs of housing discrimination, gain resources to protect yourself and receive tools to exercise housing rights. After a brief presentation, there will be a question and answer session. The workshop will be located in the fourth floor Vivian McCallum room inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, located at 6101 Frisco

Square Blvd.

To use Community Development Block funds each entitlement community is required to create a five year 'Consolidated Plan' and an 'Action Plan' every year.

The workshop is for consumers who rent, own or are thinking about purchasing a home. Also, anybody who may have a role related to housing (property managers, realtors) is invited to attend. The workshop will include fair housing topics related to discrimination based on color, disability, familial status, national origin, race, and sex.

For more information contact Chris Bohlen at (972) 292-5108 or email cbohen@friscotexas.gov.

Preliminary census data released; numbers reflect Frisco's explosive growth

The U.S. Census Bureau is in the process of releasing preliminary data from the 2010 Census. The bureau began releasing data required for redistricting in February and will continue to release information for four or five states each week through the end of March.

United States
Census 2010

released February 17, shows the explosive growth Frisco and Collin and Denton counties experienced in the last decade.

Frisco's population was counted as 116,989. That is a 247 percent increase from the population count taken during Census 2000. For the decade, Collin County had a 59 per-

cent increase in population, and Denton County's population grew by 53 percent.

Other preliminary data for Frisco, showing race/ethnicity and housing percentages, is available to view online at FriscoTexas.gov/Census2010.

Any new data released by the U.S. Census Bureau in the coming months pertaining to Frisco will be posted on the city's census web page.

City Council to consider Zoning Ordinance Update at March 1 meeting; public comment welcome

The Frisco City Council will consider approval of the Zoning Ordinance Update at their meeting on March 1. This is a public hearing, and public comment is encouraged on this issue that impacts all residents and businesses.

"Public feedback has been vital to revising Frisco's Zoning Ordinance," said Director of Development Services John Lettelier. "It was important we heard from a variety of community voices because the Zoning Ordinance is one of the city's most critical tools in managing growth and achieving a desirable place to live, work and play. The Zoning Ordinance shapes how the city will develop and feel in the future and effects tax revenue."

While Frisco's Zoning Ordinance has been incrementally updated through the years, a comprehensive analysis and rewrite has not happened since 1993.

City staff initiated the process of updating the Zoning Ordinance two years ago when city leaders and Planning and Development staff recognized the impact

of Frisco being the fastest growing city in the nation in 2009. Updating the zoning ordinance is intended to help the city provide, to the best of its abilities, for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

Through numerous stakeholder meetings, workshops, and public hearings a variety of voices shaped the proposed, updated zoning ordinance going before the Frisco City Council.

"City staff received extensive feedback from developers, realtors, and those familiar with the development process," said Lettelier.

The current draft of the Zoning Ordinance Update has been unanimously recommended for approval from both the Zoning Advisory Committee and the Planning & Zoning Commission.

For more information and to view the list of the proposed major changes to the Zoning Ordinance, go online to FriscoTexas.gov/ZOUpdate or contact Jeff Witt, comprehensive and environmental administrator, at JWitt@FriscoTexas.gov.

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate

1 - Coit Road (Main Street to Eldorado Parkway)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a four-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation. Design is 60 percent complete. Construction Begin: not scheduled

2 - Custer Road [FM 2478] (Stonebridge to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete divided roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, and signals. Sinacola has completed paving the northbound lanes and is preparing to switch traffic. The traffic switch is tentatively scheduled for 2/20/2011. Construction End: 2/1/2012

3 - CR 710 [Sanctuary Drive] (Peaceful Drive to Rogers Road)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt/gravel roadway with a two-lane concrete roadway from Peaceful Drive to Rogers Road. Design is 30 percent complete. Construction Begin: 7/5/2011

4 - Eldorado Parkway [FM 2934] (FM 423 to Dallas Parkway)

Scope: Construct sidewalks and install lighting, landscaping and irrigation in the median. Construction, by Estrada Concrete, is 90 percent complete. Construction End: 2/28/2011

5 - Eldorado Parkway (Preston Road to Custer Road)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a six-lane divided roadway from Preston Road to Fragrant Drive, and widen the existing four-lane divided concrete roadway from Fragrant Drive to Custer Road. Project includes paving, drainage, sidewalks and signals. Design is 60 percent complete. Construction Begin: not scheduled

6 - Eubanks Street (Fifth Street/Parkwood Blvd. to BNSF RR)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a two-lane concrete roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. Contractor, Bowman Construction, is preparing to pave south side of road beginning in early February. Construction End: 3/1/2011

7 - FM 423 [Middle] (Stewart Creek to Eldorado Parkway)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete divided roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. Contractor is currently installing stormwater infrastructure along the southbound lanes. Construction End: 9/4/2012

8 - FM 423 [North] (Eldorado Parkway to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, signals and lighting. Final design plans are anticipated to be submitted to TXDOT in March 2011. TXDOT has begun right of way acquisition. Construction Begin: 1/2/2012

9 - Independence Parkway (Main Street to North City Limits)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is complete. Right of Way acquisition is ongoing. Construction Begin: 4/1/2011

10 - Legacy Road (Warren Parkway to Lebanon Road)

Scope: Widen the existing four-lane divided concrete roadway to a six-lane divided concrete roadway and reconstruct intersection at Lebanon Road. The fifth and sixth lanes on Legacy have been paved. Contractor is expecting to begin work on the

Legacy/Lebanon intersection in February 2011. Construction End: 8/27/2011

11 - Main Street [FM 3537] (Preston Road to Custer Road)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is 95 percent complete. ROW acquisition expected to begin in February 2011. Construction Begin: 3/5/2012

12 - Miscellaneous Pavement Rehab (Meadow Creek & Grayhawk)

Scope: Street pavement removal and replacement for Talley Lane and west end of Shadybrook in Meadow Creek and Polo Heights Drive in Grayhawk from Spirit Falls Drive west. Design is underway. Bid opening is tentatively set for May 19, 2011. Construction Begin: 7/1/2011

13 - NTTA: SH 121/DNT Interchange

Scope: NTTA construction of direct connectors to existing three-level interchange. NTTA contractor is currently constructing bridge columns and retaining walls. Also, the contractor has begun hanging bridge beams on the project. Construction End: 1/31/2012

14 - Preston Road [SH 289] (Main Street to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. TxDOT contractor, Sinacola, is currently grading for northbound lanes between Main Street and Eldorado Parkway. Construction End: 2/1/2012

15 - Rockhill Road (CR 26 to Dallas Parkway)

Scope: Construct a new six-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Consultant working on 60 per-

cent structural design. Construction Begin: not scheduled

16 - Rockhill Road (Dallas Parkway to Preston Road)

Scope: Construct a new six-lane divided concrete roadway including a bridge over the BNSF railroad. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Consultant is working on 60 percent structural design. Construction Begin: not scheduled

17 - Rolater Road (Independence Parkway to Custer Road)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, bridge, sidewalks, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Contractor, Mario Sinacola, is constructing the bridge and box culvert. Construction End: 8/31/2011

18 - Stonebrook Parkway (FM 423 to 4th Army Memorial Drive)

Scope: Construct a new

four-lane divided concrete roadway from FM 423 to Teel Parkway, and widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided concrete roadway from Teel Parkway to 4th Army. Project includes paving, drainage, wastewater, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Paving work is complete on the eastbound lanes and subgrade preparation in progress on the westbound lanes from Teel Parkway to FM 423. Construction End: 7/29/2011

19 - Stonebrook Parkway (Legacy Drive to Fighting Eagles)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided concrete roadway including a bridge over Stewart Creek. Project includes paving, drainage, water, wastewater, signals, sidewalk, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Construction End: 11/4/2011

20 - Stonebrook Parkway (Fighting Eagles to Longhorn Trail)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided concrete

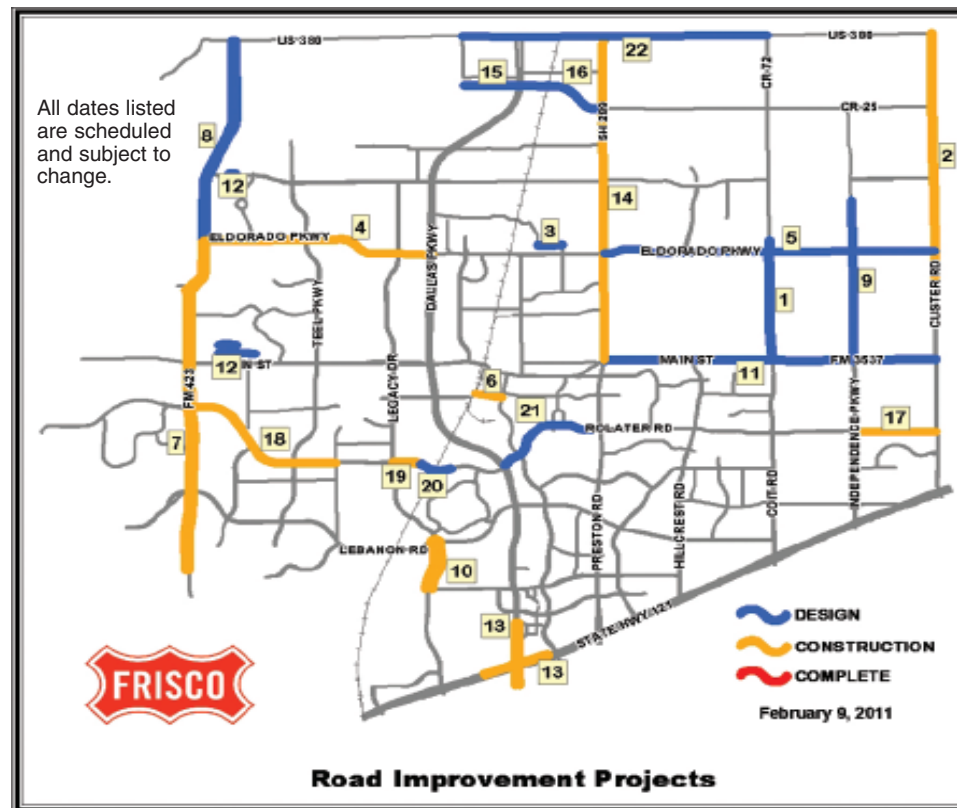
roadway including a bridge under the BNSF railroad. Project includes paving, drainage, water, wastewater, sidewalk, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is 90 percent complete. Construction Begin: 1/16/2012

21 - Stonebrook Parkway (Dallas Parkway to SH 289 [Preston Road])

Scope: Install 36 inch waterline, reconstruct westbound lanes to widen roadway to six lanes. Design is approximately 95 percent complete. Construction Begin: 6/1/2011

22 - US 380 (CR 26 to Coit Road)

Scope: Widen the existing five-lane roadway to a free-way section including frontage roads and grade separated intersections at DNT and Preston Road. Conceptual design is 95 percent complete. Construction Begin: not scheduled





Collect a basket full of joy at Texas' largest, free egg hunt!



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 9 • 1-4 p.m.
Pizza Hut Park (fields 9 – 14)

Hippity Hoppity, Easter's on its way. The Easter Bunny is paying Frisco a visit for the 19th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza and bringing more than 60,000 eggs with him.

Bring your Easter basket and hop on over to Pizza Hut Park on Saturday, April 9 for the largest free egg hunt in Texas. The event will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on fields 9 to 14, with the egg hunt beginning at 2:00 p.m. sharp. Strollers are not allowed on the fields.

Along with the egg hunt, enjoy more hip-hoppin' fun with bounce houses, face painting and photos with the Easter Bunny sponsored by 3:16 Team Realty. Learn about upcoming summer programs and classes at the Parks and Recreation Programs Expo. Event sponsors, Hair Haven, Eldorado Smiles, 3:16 Team Realty and Lebanon Ridge, will be onsite at the Expo along with class instructors offering class demonstrations and answering questions.

Those feeling crafty are encouraged to enter the Easter Bonnet Contest. Make and decorate an Easter bonnet at home, wear it to the Easter Eggstravaganza, and enter to compete for prizes. The contest is open to all ages, so gather your friends or kids and have some fun creating a spring masterpiece. Complete contest rules can be found online at FriscoFun.org.

In case of inclement weather, the event (egg hunt only) will be held Friday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Call the special events hotline at 972-292-6520 for up-to-date weather information.

A map identifying parking and each age group's egg hunt location on the field will be available online at FriscoFun.org prior to the Eggstravaganza. For more information, call 972-292-6600.

GONE FISHIN'



Trick-A-Trout

Plenty of sunshine warmed the morning at Frisco Parks and Recreation's annual Trick-a-Trout event, held this year on February 12 at Frisco Commons. Kids 16 and younger had a chance to reel in a big catch. The park's pond was stocked with more than 3,100 Rainbow Trout.

See video and more photos of the Trick-a-Trout event online at FriscoTexas.gov, YouTube or Flickr.com/CityOfFriscoTX



Frisco Commons Pond



February 12, 2011

Limited space remains for spring City Hall 101 classes

Want to learn more about how Frisco operates, or maybe find out how you can get more involved in your city? Then sign up now for City Hall 101. The free program is a great way to boost your knowledge about what happens behind the scenes at City Hall and Frisco's other municipal facilities. The next City Hall 101 class runs from February 28 through May 23, 2011.

The initial "kick off" session on February 28 will be held at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. After the first week the locations of Monday night sessions will change to correspond with the department or program being discussed.

City Hall 101 is open to Frisco residents 18 and older. Many residents signed up in February, but there are a limited number of spaces left. Register online on the city's website at CityHall101@FriscoTexas.gov.

The schedule for weekly class topics and locations is also listed online. For more information email CityHall101@FriscoTexas.gov or contact Daniel Ford at 972-292-5542.

Spring Break 2011

March 14 – 18

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Class #27

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Avoid arrest, pay outstanding warrants before Great Texas Warrant Roundup begins March 5

Is an old speeding ticket or other legal infraction nagging you somewhere in the back of your mind? If there is any concern you have unfinished business with the Frisco Municipal Court, or another court in Texas, now is the time to take care of it.

The Frisco Police Department will join hundreds of law enforcement agencies across Texas to actively serve outstanding arrest warrants in March. The 'Great Texas Warrant Round Up' begins Saturday, March 5.

Individuals are urged to clear warrants prior to March 5 to avoid the embarrassment of arrest. "Some people forget about a ticket and fail to appear before the judge, so they end up with an active warrant," said Matthew Freeman, Frisco Municipal Court administrator.

Freeman adds the Frisco

Municipal court makes every effort to contact wanted persons in an attempt to resolve outstanding warrants without arrest. The court uses manned phone banks, automated phone calls, and post card mailers. The Frisco Municipal Court provides convenient opportunities for the resolution of active warrants through the automated phone system and web payment system. The Court also provides detailed information on its website: FriscoTexas.gov/court.

Prior to March 5, the Frisco Municipal Court and Frisco Police Department will be using additional staffing and automated phone systems to call residents and those who live in another city or state with an outstanding warrant in Frisco.

"Going to jail is a last resort for those individuals that fail to heed warnings and refuse to respond to

an official court summons," said Sergeant Adam Henderson, Frisco Police public information officer. "Our preference is to help clear up a warrant before an arrest is necessary."

For those who do not heed the warnings, do not be surprised if a Frisco police officer shows up at your home or workplace to take you into custody. The Frisco Municipal Court will pay Frisco police to act as warrant officers for the court. During the 'round up' the court will pay for 37, four-hour shifts for a total of 148 hours dedicated to arresting individuals with outstanding warrants.

With advances in technology police say locating individuals with outstanding warrants is easier than ever. The warrant enforcement program uses employment databases, driver's licenses databases, and vehicle registration databases to

assist in locating wanted persons. Technology, such as automated plate scanning, is also used to locate wanted persons on roadways, parking lots, and even in the owner's driveway.

Sgt. Henderson says there are three options for people with outstanding warrants:

- Pay now to avoid arrest.
- Get arrested, get taken to jail for a quick book-in process, pay the outstanding fee and then get released.
- Get arrested and stay in jail for those who cannot, or refuse, to pay the citation.

You don't have to wait for a Frisco police or court volunteer to call you. Find out if you have an outstanding warrant by calling Frisco Municipal Court at 972-292-5555, or do online to FriscoTexas.gov/court to pay your citation online.

Gain a greater sense of security, community with Frisco Neighborhood Watch

Frisco Neighborhood Watch is a citywide, community-based crime prevention initiative that educates citizens about reducing the risk of being a crime victim, both at home and in the public. Citizens are trained to recognize and report suspicious activities and how to make their homes more secure. Frisco Neighborhood Watch is based on the premise of neighbors getting to know each other and passing on crime related/crime prevention information.

Frisco Neighborhood Watch members receive valuable information concerning local crime related incidents, crime trends and local events via an e-mail network.

Benefits of Neighborhood Watch include:

- Reducing the risk of being a crime victim
- Being better prepared to respond to a suspicious activity
- Greater access to information related to criminal activity



- Receiving a Neighborhood Watch sign
- Knowing your neighbors
- Reducing the fear of crime and making neighborhoods more livable
- Allowing another way to address issues of concern within a community

Frisco Neighborhood Watch meetings are currently held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Frisco Police Department, located at 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy. The meetings are open to any residents wishing to attend. Guest speakers address various crime-related issues and residents may voice their questions/concerns as well.

Other Neighborhood Watch related meetings are held locally through block captains, district coordinators and homeowners associations. For more information on Frisco Neighborhood Watch please visit the website at FriscoNeighborhoodWatch.com.



Hop in to splish-splash at Aqua Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is filling the indoor pools at the Frisco Athletic Center with toy filled eggs for the 3rd annual Aqua Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16. Children ages 3 to 10 are invited to come dressed in their swimsuits and join the hunt from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Pre-registration is required for this event. Admission is \$12 per person (\$15 non-resident) and includes the egg hunt, swim pass for the day, and a special treat from the Easter Bunny. Registration ends April 14. No refunds will be given for this event.

Bags are provided for participants

EGG HUNT TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE:

AGES 2 1/2 TO 4
11:15 A.M. IN THE
PLAY POOL

AGES 5 AND 6
11:25 A.M. IN THE
CURRENT CHANNEL

AGES 7 TO 10
11:35 A.M. IN THE
LEISURE POOL

to collect the eggs in the pool, but remember to bring your own basket or bag to take your treasures home. All seven and eight year olds are required to wear a life jacket, which is provided. Life jackets are optional for participants who are nine and ten-years old at the time of the event.

If you choose to stay and swim after egg hunt, children younger than seven will need an adult in the water participating with them at

all times. Adults will need to purchase a day pass for \$8.

For more information, visit FriscoFun.org or email FriscoFun@FriscoTexas.gov.

HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

March 1

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m. (closed session), 6:30 p.m. (public session)
- Downtown Advisory Board Meeting, 5th Floor Conference Room, 12:00 p.m.

March 7

- Public Art Board, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5th Floor Conference Rm, 6:30 p.m.

March 8

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

March 9

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12:00 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

March 10

- Parks Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

March 14

- Frisco Square Municipal Management District Meeting, TBD, 4:30 p.m.

March 16

- Economic Development Corp. Meeting, 6801 Gaylord Pkwy., Suite 400, 6:00 p.m.

March 17

- Arts of Collin County Meeting, (ACC), City of Allen, 4:00 p.m.
- Community Development Corporation Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 22

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

March 23

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m. (closed session), 6:30 p.m. (public session)
- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.

March 24

- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library 3rd Floor, 6:45 p.m.
- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie, TX, 4:00 p.m.

March 28

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:00 p.m.

Waltz over to Senior Center at Frisco Square for spring dance

Seniors are invited to dance the night away at the Senior Center at Frisco Square Saturday, March 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the Frisco Jazz Band. This popular hometown band will entertain you with a variety of big band and jazz selections. Light refreshments will be served and are sponsored by Bravo Health and the Frisco Senior Center.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at the Senior Center, located at 6670 Moore Street. You do not need to be a member of the Senior Center to attend; however, the event is for those 50 years and older or those who attend with a spouse who is older than 50.

For more information, call 972-292-6550.

Fill in your family tree with help from Frisco Public Library

If you are curious about discovering your roots, the Frisco Public Library is an excellent place to begin your genealogical quest. The library has developed a genealogy section with more than two hundred titles to aid in local, national, and international ancestry research.

Check out Reading Early American Handwriting for deciphering old letters with unfamiliar language or shorthand. Genealogy Online, 9th Edition will help guide the way to the endless amount of information available on the Internet.

Want to win Six Degrees of Separation with your friends? Try Finding Your Famous & Infamous Ancestors and see if Kevin Bacon or any other celebrities have a place in your family tree. For more specific or local searches, reference books for use in the library are also available including Frisco: The First One Hundred Years. The genealogy and local history collections are located on the fourth floor of the library.

Frisco Public Library offers online databases to our patrons for genealogy searches through our website, FriscoLibrary.com.

HeritageQuest and Family Search are accessible anywhere you have internet access. HeritageQuest is part of the TexShare database system which offers a vast array of information. HeritageQuest has access to past census information, selected records from the Revolutionary War, records from the Freedman's Bank and more. Family Search offers a collection of genealogical records provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Inside the library, we also offer Ancestry.com which is accessible from any of more than fifty public computers. Adults can make use of the computers on the first and fourth floors, while kid or teen researchers can use the Teen Room or second floor. Ancestry.com offers hundreds of compiled resources including birth, death, marriage, census, and military records.

If you have questions about any of these resources, or for access to HeritageQuest from home, email askus@friscolibrary.com or call 972-292-5669 and a librarian will be happy to help. Begin your search at Frisco Public Library today!

"Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad."

~AUTHOR UNKNOWN

BABY, YOU'RE A FIREWORK!



It was a chance to get all dolled up in fancy dresses and to hit the dance floor with friends, but the most sentimental part of the 15th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance for hundreds of girls was spending quality time with dad, granddad, or their favorite father-figure.

About 5,400 people attended the four dance times for the Daddy Daughter Dance at the Frisco Convention Center on February 12. Some young ladies took the theme of 'Hollywood Glitz and Glam' to heart and walked the red carpet wearing sunglasses, feather boas and dazzling smiles.

Dads and daughters had a star experience

and were greeted by paparazzi pretending to snap photos. Guests even mingled with celebrities old and new like Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, Michael Jackson, Taylor Swift and Miley Cyrus.

The City of Frisco Parks and Recreation Department presents the annual event and thanks to the dozens of volunteers who worked so hard to make 2011's Daddy Daughter Dance a night to remember.

See more photos from this year's Daddy Daughter Dance online at Flickr.com/CityofFriscoTX.

